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The Depot Town Rag

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NOVEMBER MEETINGS
Merchants-Thurs. 10th, 7:30 pm
Association-Thurs., 17th, 7:30 pm
Foundation-Thurs., 24th, 8:00 pm
...all in the Caboose

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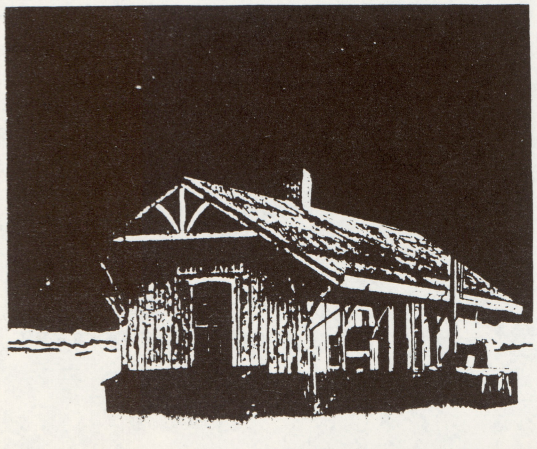
Autumn in the City

Even city kids can appreciate the change of seasons. Depot Town's planters and trees have matured enough that we now have leaves to rake - if not in front of our commercial buildings, at least in back and around the corners. The marigolds still grew in the frosty mornings and there are a few remaining pumpkin blossoms near the railroad tracks. The corn has wilted and sun flowers have finally quit their meteoric growth. Save the blossoms for bird seed and save a few to be planted next year. We've learned our lesson with Castor Beans: Their foliage was exotic, indeed, but also created a traffic hazard with those enormous leaves.

This block's blooms were admired by many visitors over the summer, and such attention to aesthetic details certainly bespeaks a pride in self and community which we hope to both foster and enjoy.

The RAG congratulates and thanks the many who fertilized, dug, planted, watered, weeded and picked all through the growing season. It seems that our you-see-it-you-own-it philosophy has worked again.

Volunteers will soon be cleaning out the beds around the district and mulching for next spring. Don't wait to be invited. Responsibility and authority cannot be given - only taken.



"Proud To Be From Ypsilanti?" Some People Aren't Wearing Their T-Shirts Any More

Don Faber, of the Ann Arbor NEWS says he's leaving his T-Shirt in the closet or maybe he'll use it as an undergarment. He's not too proud of Our Town, and suggests that with failing schools, inept police protection and a quarrelsome city government, there's not much left to like. Oh, we suppose Depot Towners can take heart at the fact that Faber put us FIRST ON THE LIST of his "several positives"along with "Heritage Festival, stately architecture, EMU, a more stable population in some respects than Ann Arbor, (and) affordable homes", but is that solace enough for us?

We continue to stumble through our city government at every turn. Not long ago the Historic Depot Town Foundation made a offer it thought the City couldn't refuse: to operate the Freight House to the advantage of both the City and the neighborhood. No deal! At almost the same time, Association officers suggested to City Hall solons that they simplify signage in the City and direct travelers to our several hard-to-find off-centers: Downtown, the Campus and Depot Town. Nada!

Now, with the impending up-grading of the Police Department, it appears that the matching funds for Frog Island renovations will be used in that portion of the budget instead. And, as we examine the City's capital investment dollars, we can sympathize with the administrative priorities. Perhaps Mayor Murdock is correct, and that will be the most useful purpose for those bucks, but we are beginning to see what could be a new kind of neglect in this block. Is this truly a dangerous trend, or is our new Mayor simply trying to prove to the rest of his constituency that he is not in Depot Town's pocket?

We can be justly proud that a long-time member of the DTA from a residence just four houses outside of our boundaries has been elected to the top post in the City. (Indeed, many of us worked hard to put him there.) "But." as they say, "Hizzoner: what have you done for us lately?"

The Association pledges not to take political sides, even though we are most politically involved in the life of our community. Our members, residents and friends have spread their talents into many sections of the municipality. We serve on nearly every committee, council and commission in town. We've tried hard not to be parochial, but in a hard-times town where success breeds rampant jealousy, it has been hard to fight that label. In the last ten years little, old Depot Town, the skid row of "Ypsitucky" has become this town's version of Shaker Heights. Some have suggested changing the name of the street to "Skid Drive".

We've been flashy about it, to be sure, and we have not missed an opportunity to get our names in the paper. Everybody knows us now, and they know of our wins and our losses. Seven years ago a city-sponsored study helped us get our plan started. That was followed by a CDBG grant through City offices to pave our long-neglected street and sidewalks. Since then, the City has purchased the Freight House and operates a two-day-a-week farmers' market. Is that all there is? We certainly don't feel like ungrateful wretches when we say, "That's not enough. We expect more of the same, all through the City, and down in Depot Town, too!

With tax rates among the highest in the state, all of Ypsilanti can ask for more than continuing mediocrity. This town deserves more than it's getting. After winning World War II, we found that the effort almost killed the town. Racism, economic blackmail, private enclaves of power and small, municipal fiefdoms have dragged this city through that mire of medicrity. Recently, we have been able to see some progress rising from our darker heritage. We look to you, Mr. Mayor, to help to provide the leadership necessary to continue that growth. Show us your direction, and Depot Town will continue its growth and improvement. Make it a fight, and we'll both lose.

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Somewhere in Time?

Winners of this month's DTA Golden Goose Award are the young men recently seen urinating off the back balcony of their apartment. Anyone new to the block can catch up on the "old days" behavior of these two who recently left their sinks overflowing into the stores below. When downstairs neighbors went in they found the apartment empty and a mattress on fire! Local police and fire-fighters know them well. If you haven't had the opportunity to know them, you'd better introduce yourself soon, since they'll be moving on at the end of the month.

Depot Town is Looking Up

As the neighborhood grows "up" we notice a new phenomenon on the block: AUBREE'S started it and the FOLLETT HOUSE continues the move to a second floor perspective in the design of our townscape. When America's downtowns succumbed to copying the shopping centers' ranch-house modern, first-floor-only style, many of us stopped looking up to the tops of these gorgeous, old buildings. Perhaps it is because of lack of space to expand horizontally that this block is doing more upstairs than in previous years. Perfect. Just what we hoped would happen. Once again, Depot Town give the area something to "look up to."

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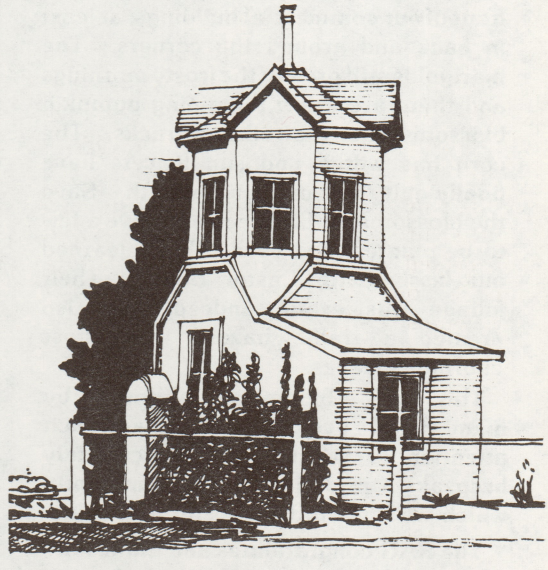
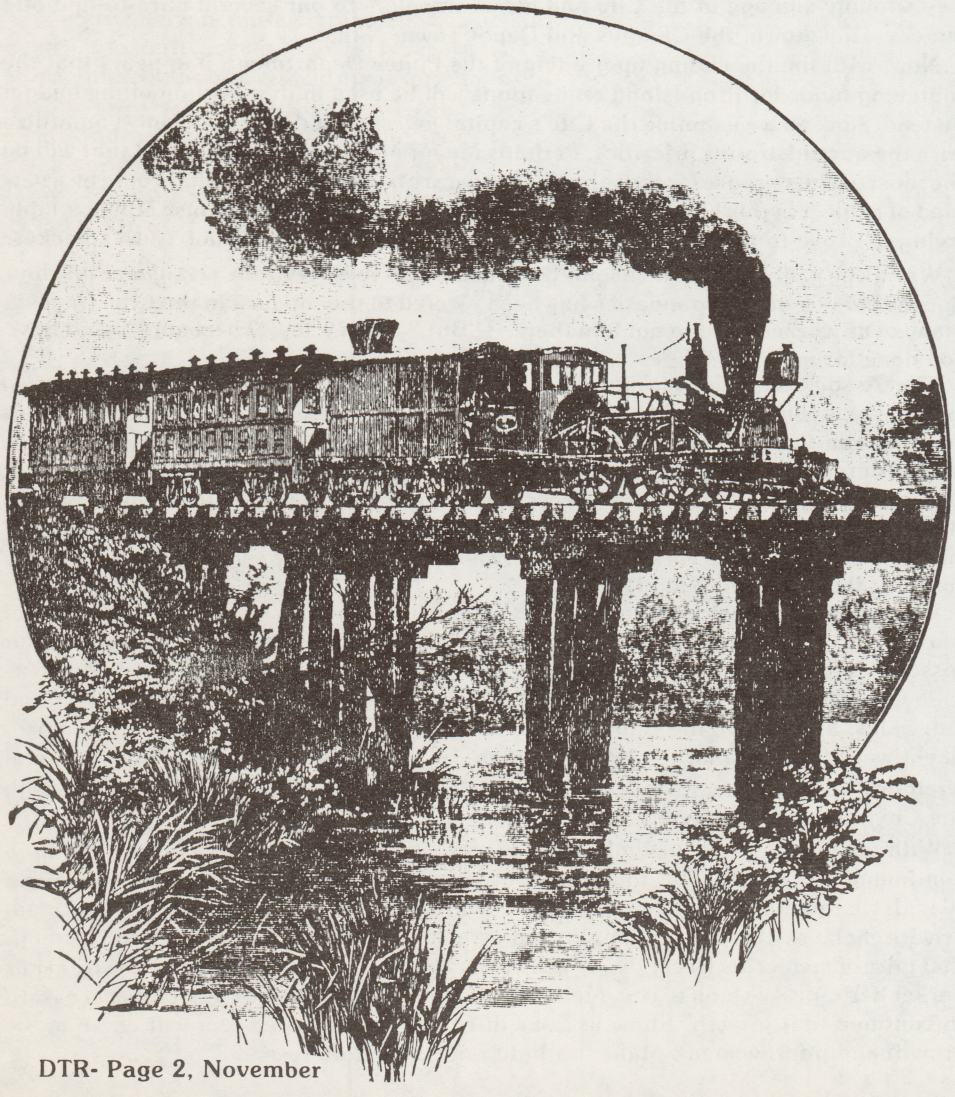
Dear Rag Readers:

I'm still throwing pots in the basement of 46 East Cross, but I'm no longer at the Farmers' Market. I have simply moved upstairs to HON'S FLOWERS and continue to show my recent works at WHEN IN DOUBT. I'd be happy to have you come in and see my new works.

Judy Andrews (Jandy)



Signal House, c. 1892



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Eclectic Continues

Many neighbors, along with the exhibiting artists showed up at Dearborn's Henry Ford Community College Fine Arts Galleries (on Evergreen, just north of Michigan Avenue, behind Fairlane Town Centre) for the opening of the month-long show, "The Depot Town Eclectic".

We're sorry we left off the conclusion to last month's article about this unique exhibition and print it herewith:

> This is a show to be visited with an open mind and a wide perspective. The program hints at relationships unique, at a community spirit not found in many locales. In Depot Town, the art is not the only thing that happens, but it is another of the threads of our creative fabric. HFCC's exhibition hangs that fabric in a very special light.

It is truly a unique situation when the artistic output of a neighborhood can be put into an exhibition space and seen as a creative moment in time. Don't miss this exciting view of our district.

Although the organizers of the show never intended such scope, they have been beseiged with requests to put the collection on the road and tour other galleries and museums. None of these offers have been consummated yet, but it's an interesting proposition. Could Depot Town go on the road? Perhaps John Waite will stash it all in the Michigan Artrain for next summer's tour? Hmmm.

The show continues at HFCC until November 23rd and is open from 9 to 4 daily.

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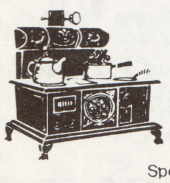

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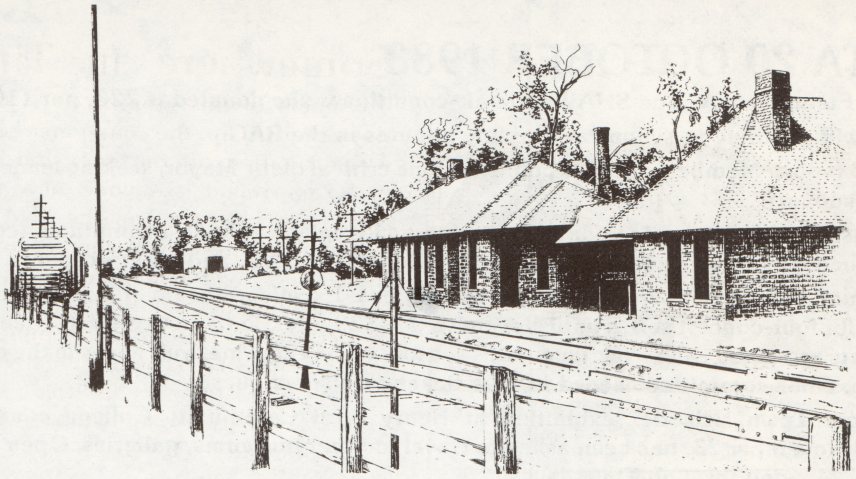

Gary Markley 1981

BLOCK ATTAINS FULL SPECTRUM

Most of the initial neo-victorian color schemes in Our Town played between three, four and even five colors from the 'warm' side of the color wheel. 'Earth tones' from brown through creamy oranges melded into the 1800's brick facades and cornices up and down North River and East Cross streets. The first paint job of the season was that 'earthy' color scheme in the *TROMPE L'OIEL* style on Shirley Kornilakis' TREASURE SHOP. Following that opus, DEPOT EXCHANGE re-worked their previous red/gold combination into a more muted version of the same effect. SIDETRACK then used the same colors in different order to show a continuity of thought in their bay of the same building.

About that time, the boys down at MILLER MOTORS decided to paint their place and repeated the long-familiar green and white, reminding us of the 'cool' tones across the color wheel. The Richies responded by echoing the sentiment in blues and grays on the NEWELL BLOCK... and now we see another version of that combination in the new awnings on the first and second floors of the FOLLETT HOUSE. Old Benjamin Follett's creative personality would have enjoyed the hard contrast between the warm brick and the cool awnings, made palatable by the neutral tones of grey and black upon window trim and doors.

Rick Slate, of PRONTO PIZZA has announced still more plans for the cool tones of color harmony. Hoping for pure red, white and green (now THAT'S Italian!) he has offered up a new/old scheme to the HDC: rust and cream accents on a dark Wallgreen/Cunningham's green. Old Mr. Weber would be pleased, too. Long after he sold Weber Drug to Don Wallaker, the building still showed the traditional drug store green. It will be nice to have it back on the same building.

DEPOT UPDATE:

We can understand the reluctance of the "dailies" to report the slow-moving progress of the renovation of the MCRR Depot, but when our district's centerpiece moves even too slowly for our monthly RAG, thingfs are indeed moving at a snail's pace.

Fifth Ward City Councilmember, Greg Dodd reports, however, that the Depot finance team of Brown and Zachary now has all those other people's dollars in place and are moving to stabilize the building for the winter, in anticipation of serious revitalization and construction in the next building season. Roof repairs and better security precautions ar being made now. Don't call in yet, for reservations. Just tell our winter boomers that they'll have to look for another bedding-down place from now on.

WHERE YOU FROM?

In recent issues we feel THE RAG has made its case about the beautiful name of our Fair City. We son't say "Ypsi", right? Right !

But while we're defending the grace and dignity of Our Town, let's spread it around a bit. There are other locales which have been equally maligned.

What about poor little Saline and Milan? Remember those science classes and the "saline solution"? That's probably the last time we pronounced it correctly. And Milan, of course, is Mi'lan, as in Italy and Milano's Pizza!

Canton, China and Cantonese food are nowhere to be found in the township to our east. Can-tin, apperently, is the best we can do.

Oh, well. We won't even bother to deal with our southern neighbors from Bellefontaine, Ohio. You wouldn't believe what they do with that. It's worse than the Miami beach hotel with almost the same name.

Meanwhile, let's all say YPSILANTI. "Ypsilanti". Right. Good job. Spread the word.

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Sue Freund is now Sue SHAW. The air-conditioner she donated is 220, not 110.

We will continue to synopsize monthly minutes in the RAG.

RAG report: Members voted to publish article critical of the Mayor, seeking leadership and support.

Treasurer: After balance to-date, new signers will register at bank. Promotions account will become a line item of DTA treasury, along with RAG, and other accounts.

Promotions: Winter series begins December 3rd. Excellent line-up of jazz musicians. $18 for four-concert series until November 15, $20 after, until first concert. Then door tickets are $6.50 each. New layout this season, with beer, wine, fruit juices in the coffee shop. Door committee needed to take tickets, welcome guests.

"Depot Town Eclectic" exhibition at Henry Ford Community College continues until November 23, has been asked to travel to other museums, galleries. Open 9am-4pm, Monday through Thursdays.

Marketing and Demographic Trends explained by Meadows. Proposed booklet format to implement annual priorities in the block, from goals and objectives through strategies and evaluation.

Letter to John Barr re: Frog Island electrical problems approved, signed and sent.

Merchant's report: Promotional brochure in the works. $25 per business about to be assessed for district ad fund. Victorian Christmas planned by Wizauer, Andrews, Shaw, Lawson, Beck, others. Next meeting: 6 pm, Oct. 24 at the Deli Shoppe.

- ★ Artists' Market December 4
- ★ Children Only day December 11
- ★ Window decor contest
- ★ Greens available (at cost) from Joe Wizaer (Hon's)
- ★ Rosemary will help tie bows
- ★ Holiday hours: Friday 11-8, Sunday 11-4.

Meadows reported on Riverfront Park Development and Follett House new facade color, awnings, 1st and 2nd floor.

Packer reported new awning plan for rear of store, new format and theme for General Store, Country Market.

GOLDEN GOOSE AWARD to the tenant who urinates off his balcony. BEST YET AWARD to the district's artists for their excellent exhibition in Dearborn this month and to PRONTO PIZZA for getting the dead plants out of the window.

Adjourn: 9:15 pm.

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EVERYTHING FOR SOMEONE.....

EVERYTHING FOR EVERYONE!
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Stucco Still Sticks

Stucco became a practical exterior architectural element in the southern states and was painted all kinds of Floridian and Spanish pastels, but have you ever noticed its northern popularity, as well? Gene Daniels has done an excellent job of wiring, patching and painting the damaged stucco on the NEWEL BLOCK and his efforts have caused us to notice the stucco first floor facade on AUBREE'S and the stucco showroom addition to MILLER MOTORS. Some Greek Revival homes in the area show stucco walls striated to appear as stone and masonry, reflecting the Grecian temple motif. Are there other examples in town? Look around. It was (and is) a most substantial way of surfacing exterior walls and sealing out weather, mold and insects.

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Story Time at the Caboose

A continuing series of absolutely free Saturday morning programs for children, this ancient art is perpetuated each week from nine until eleven at the Association's headquarters. So far, programs from the Detroit Historical Museum, the Detroit Storytellers' Guild and colorful residents of our own block have been featured by the YPSILANTI PLAYERS. Both listeners and tellers are invited to participate and stories are aimed toward a child age audience, but enjoyed by all.

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RAG BAG

All the Depot Town merchants would like to invite you to Depot Town for VICTORIAN HOLIDAY, Sunday, November 27th. Shops will be having open house and would love for you to stop in for a visit. Refreshments will be served in many of the shops.

November Bargains are excellent. Make sure you take advantage of them.

For all your Holiday baking needs, THE HEALTH EMPOSIUM has put their bulk nuts on sale.

Whole pecans $2.99 lb
English Walnut halves $1.99 lb
Black Walnuts $3.99 lb

Why not make that nut bread you've been thinking about? You'll be happy to know THE HEALTH EMPORIUM also carrys many other bulk items.

PRONTO PIZZA is "Special" all the time. Their regular menu included all the cheese and pepperoni pizza you can eat for $2.99 (eat-in only)! Also, they offer two pizzas for the price of one. Their hours are week-days 4 p.m. to 12 a.m., weekends 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Due to its success, Happy Hour will continue throughout the month of November at MILLER'S ICE CREAM PARLOR. Come in any weekday between 2 and 4 and get a double dip cone for the price of a single. Hand packed quarts of pumpkin pie ice cream are only $2.19. Hot carmel apple sundaes are $1.39. Also a hot fudge menu will be featured all month.

Don't put off getting your Christmas cards imprinted. If you do it in the first two weeks of November WHEN IN DOUBT will give you 20% off. This offer is good on ALL imprinting. All cards and mugs are 20% off the entire month!

ROSEMARY'S CORNER will hold three classes during the month of November:

Padded picture frames	November 3, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Tin Punch	November 10, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Stenciling	November 17, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

This is a good time to learn a craft and make that special person a gift for the holidays.

MERCHANTS: Send your December specials to Sally Richie at MILLER'S before the 3rd Thursday and see it printed here.

With the Holiday Season just around the corner and more and more demands being placed on your time....
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THE 3RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY ARTISTS' MARKET

Sunday, December 4th
10am to 6pm
at the Freight House
in Depot Town

...and this is not just for adult gift giving-- we will have dolls and wooden toys, for girls and boys, clay cats and dragons and castles (Lois Staresina, artist: clay sculpture)

-- decorative and functional porcelain and stoneware pottery, beautiful stained glass boxes by local artist Rosemary Lawson (owner of Rosemary's Corner)

-- a unique and different way to gift wrap your homemade bread, jam and cookies might be to put them into a handmade basket by master basket weaver Henry Tull.

-- wood carvings functional wooden utensils and cypress clocks, hammered brass cndlesticks by Richard Rice.

-- gold and silver jewelry by artist Debra Manty.

-- and, yes Virginia, Victor Victorian will be there with paintings, watercolors, oils and acrylics of the Historic District.

-- we are hoping to gather forty area artists for this Victorian Christmas event.

Betty Beck, of the Deli Shoppe, will be serving her own special Holiday treats in the coffee shop.

Musicians will be on hand, and the big raffle that was such a hit last year will be run again.

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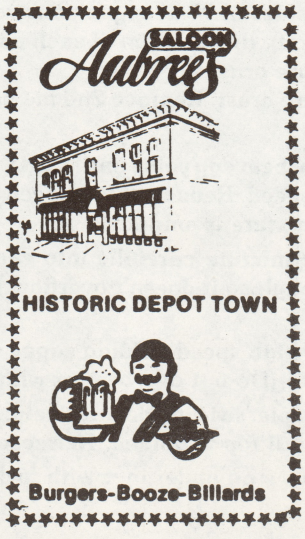

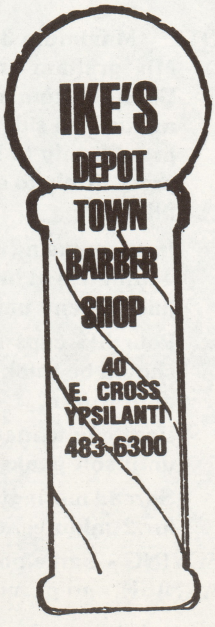

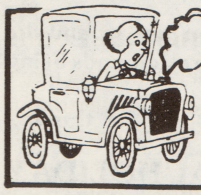

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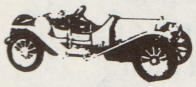

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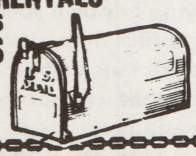

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RAGTIME

Ragtime Is Back

For the first time in three issues the RAGTIME column is back in print. As the writer for RAGTIME, I would like to apologize for any inconviences to my loyal readers and thank all my friends who helped me through a tough period in my life. Best yet, it's nice to be missed, and I hope to bring you more helpful insights into our dynamic business community down here in Depot Town.

Tom Kornilakis.

VINTAGE PASSION & OLD TOWN TREASURE SHOP join forces. Yes, maybe the merge of the century for Depot Town, as Linda Williams and Shirley Kornilakis share the building at 32 East Cross Street. We are looking forward to great things from this partnership of two great people and two great businesses. Stop in today and check it out.

REPRIEVE....It has been brought oto our attention here at the RAG that we messed up and offended one of our advertisers. The article in question was the October issue on windows (IT'S CURTAINS FOR DEPOT TOWN). Here we referred to ESQUIRE INTERIORS as Esquire Cleaners and also point out the fact, while other businesses in our area have decorated windows, Esquire does not, but the author of the article (co-editor Tom Dodd) did not take into account that just beyond the window is a display which has many styles of window decor which could not be seen with a window all covered and decorated. As the managing editor of the DEPOT TOWN RAG, I apologize to our readers and to ESQUIRE INTERIORS for any inconvenience.

This month Tom Kornilakis, manager of OLD TOWN RESTAURANT will provide a recipe of one of his favorite deserts. Tom has cooked for over ten years and has worked in many of the finest restaurants..

Note: Tom is known for making many fine deserts such as Rice Pudding, Carrot Cake, Fruit Pies and many other deserts over at the OLD TOWN.

FROZEN KEY LIME PIE

Six pieces per pie

INGREDIENTS	Yield 1		
Graham Cracker Crumbs	1½ Cups	Egg Yolks	6
		Sweetened Condensed Milk	2 cans
		14 oz. cans Fresh Lime Juice	1 cup
Margarine, melted or butter flavored oil	3 oz.	Egg whites	6
		Sugar	½ cup

NOTE: Maximum 3 pies can be prepared at one time using mixer.

1. Mix graham cracker crumbs with melted margarine until evenly moistened Brush bottom and sides of 9" deep pie pans with Dress-all. Pat 1½ cups crumb mixture on sides (first), then bottom of each pan. Place a 2nd pie pan on top and press firmly to secure crust.
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2. In mixer, using whip, beat egg yolks until VERY THICK and light colored (about 3-4 minutes) at high speed. Reduce to low speed and add condensed milk and lime juice. Blend until mixture is smooth.
3. Pour 5½ cups lime mixture carefully into each shell. (Pie will be very full but should be thick enough so it doesn't overflow.) Place in freezer at least 4 hours, until frozen.
4. Beat egg whites at high speed, adding sugar when whites are foamy. Beat just until soft peaks hold. (Do not overbeat or whites will be flaky and not smooth.)
5. Spread meringue on pie, swirling decoratively. Bake in convection at 375 degrees for 2 minutes, or until top is golden. Refreeze immediately until firm, 2 hours.

SERVING - Serve one piece on underliner with fork. PLATE - 6" underliner
GARNISH - no garnish

From The Coffee Shop...

Estelle Sutherland and Thelma Anderson, senior aides from Child and Family Services, are operating the Farmer's Marker Coffee Shop on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Estella, an old timer from the Depot Town of years ago says, "It is great to see Depot Town progressing and building up so nice. We have lovely people visiting our Farmers' Market and the Coffee Shop. Everyone is always welcome to come in and visit us. We love each and every one of you." Doughnuts, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, hot and cold cider and Moca coffee are being served at our coffee shop.

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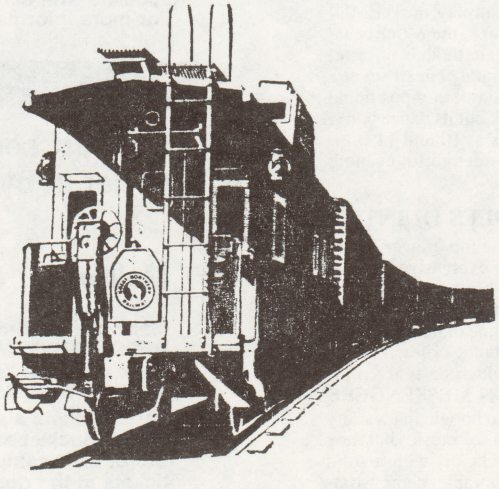
NEW ON THE BLOCK

Rick Slate, of PRONTO PIZZA, follows a long tradition in this district. Bell's Pizza was his precursor; before that it was Black Bart's Pizza. Kevin's Bakery started the food business at that location and Weber Drug inhabited the property longer than any one in the neighborhood can remember. Rick is bright, energetic and friendly. We think he has found the right place for his energies. If you haven't sampled his new wares yet, stop in and introduce yourself.

INSTANT REPLAY is another of those "great ideas" we all wish we could have thought of ourselves. Julliette Leach and Marge Heeney have put together a shop of used and reusable sporting goods to serve the more practical folk in today's society. Along with the tradition of gently used cars, clothing, furniture, jewelry and comics, it seems that the used sporting goods shop around the corner on North River Street is a most appropriate addition to Depot Town.

VINTAGE PASSION has come around the corner and joined forces with the TREASURE SHOP. Linda Williams and Shirley Kornilakis have joined forces with their highly creative inventory and great business savvy and put together a most delightful array of second-time-around goods. We can't think of another business anywhere which received as much news coverage as that facade did this last summer. Take advantage of your high profile, ladies.

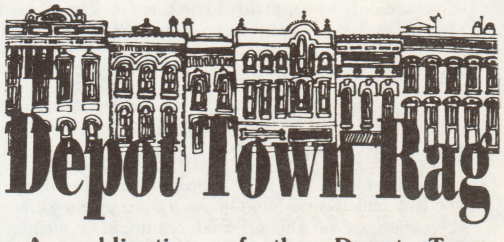


Low Interest Commercial Loans

According to Mike Ager, from the city's Community Development Department, "low interest" is not a misnomer for this loan program for local businesses. A few eligible from both Downtown and Depot Town have taken advantage of this opportunity, but there is still a great deal of "creative financing" which has not yet been exploited.

Primary emphasis must be on facade upgrading, energy conservation and code improvements. Applications will be required to secure financing for 50% of the project from city-approved participating banks at a rate of no more than 1% above prime. The City then matches with a low interest loan at a fixed rate of 5%. The City will provide a minimum loan match of $15,000.

Commercial property owners or business tenants with a gross annual sales of under one million dollars are eligible. Sounds like us! Call Ager at City Hall (483-1100).



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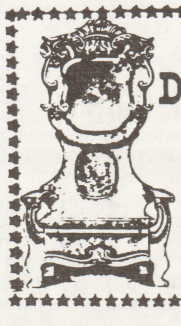

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THE WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE JAZZ ENSEMBLE & DANCE TROUPE

Dr. Morris Lawrence has thrilled thousands with his orchestra. The group's performances are legendary for their ebullient spirit, originality and warmth. The ensemble is large and brilliantly orchestrated; in combination with the WCC Dance Troupe, this 90 minute set is the most spectacular way we could think of to kick off our 1983-84 season. Be there at 8 p.m. sharp to catch it!

JUANITA McCRAY AND HER MOTOR CITY BEAT

If you caught Ms. McCray at last June's Frog Island Tent Jazz Festival, then you know that this woman is a compelling blues singer, whose sincerity is surpassed only by her ability to rock and rock hard. Juanita's crack band, the Motor City Beat, more than lives up to its name. With a tune list that pays respects to Howlin' Wolf, Willy Dixon, Aretha Franklin and Motown, you'd best be ready to dance. Sets at 10 and 11 p.m.

DECEMBER 3

JANUARY 14

THE KATALENIC/KWEK BAND

This is your chance to hear an orchestra that performs too rarely in Detroit. The Katalenic/Kwek Band boasts 18 pieces; they concentrate their formidable energies on the original, compelling writing of co-leader John Katalenic. Their "Morning Sun" album gets regular airplay on WEMU, WDET and WJZZ; the ensemble's appearances at P"Jazz, the Montreaux/Detroit festivals and at their own self-produced shows are models of taste, artistry and high energy. The show opens with a 90 minute concert set at 8 p.m. that admirers of the Ellington and Kenton tradition of compositional jazz will enjoy thoroughly. Then this big band will break out its dance book, with tunes from all eras, to swing their thing with sets at 10 and 11 p.m. Katalenic/Kwek is not yet a household word; after this delightful evening you'll be a believer that someday soon they will be.

THE CHARLES BOLES QUINTET

No Winter Jazz Series would be complete without some top drawer Motor City bebop. So we proudly present an uncommonly expressive pianist, Charles Boles. Charles is a veteran of Detroit's 1950s bop scene, but he's stayed in tempo with the times, updating his style in a thoroughly comtemporary and attractive manner. With a powerhouse front line of trumpeter Jim Van Dyke and saxophonist Chris Pitts, this qunitet's bold, original music will engross and satisfy; be there for the 90 minute set which starts at 8 p.m.

THE SUN MESSENGERS

This ten piece band always delights the folks that love to boogie in a variety of grooves. The Sun Messenger's speciality is Latin dance music, but they will take you back to New Orleans and rock your socks off with a solid backbeat, too. Their Frog Island Festival show was memorable, demonstrating why they are Metro Times poll winners and Detroit's busiest dance band. Sets at 10 and 11 p.m.

FEBRUARY 11

MARCH 10

THE TRINIDAD/TRIPOLI STEEL BAND

Hugh Borde's family of musicians travels the world over, bringing their joyous, colorful music to a wide variety of people. Calypso lovers, reggae fans, traditional dance music devotes, even classical music admirers all find something for their taste in the riot of sound, rhythm and melody that is the Trinidad/Tripoli Band. Perhaps that's why last year's Depot Town appearance was entirely sold out two weeks in advance. There's no better way to get ready for spring than with the tropical sounds and happy tunes of this very special, quite famous band. So bring your favorite dance partner and a new pair of shoes to wear out. There will be sets at 8, 9:30 and 11 p.m.

DEPOT TOWN ASSOCIATION AND WEMU

In just two seasons the Depot Town Winter JAZZ Series has grown from an unlikely proposition into a proud tradition. In this, our third series, WEMU and the Depot Town Association present some dear old musical friends and some brand new faces, too, as we continue to build and grow on a successful format: Quality concert music and irresistable dance tunes, in the relaxed, friendly, rustic, unique surroundings of the historic Farmer's Market Building in Ypsilanti's Depot Town.

Again last year we repeatedly had to turn away hundreds of people at the door, as word of mouth enthusiasm led to repeated sell-out crowds. Again last year many people told us that the Winter Series was, pure and simple, the finest musical soiree they have ever attended. And again last year the musicians were deeply moved by what they saw from the stage: an attentive, polite, enthusiastic, critical audience of listeners and dancers who were a joy to play for. But we are not resting on our laurels; there's always room for improvement.

We're moving the stage, expanding the dance floor, arranging both the concert and table seating more carefully for line of sight and traffic flow and moving the food and drink operation into the coffee shop at the far end of the building. We are expanding the cash bar to include liquor and mixed drinks. We are adding a complete line of fruit and soft drinks for our friends who don't drink alcohol. We are offering a few more items on our light snack list, too.

But the unbeatable ambiance that is the Depot Town Winter Jazz Series remains unchanged. Good people, great music, terrific times are what it is all about. The tremendous success of these sell-out shows means that you should buy your season tickets now. You will not only save eight dollars off the door price of $6.50 a show; you will also guarantee yourself a seat at every show. So call up your favorite party people right now, figure out how many tickets you need and send in your order today. That way you and your friends won't miss out on a single one of these very special nights.

SERIES TICKETS ONLY

Concerts located in the Farmers Market building in Ypsilanti's Historic Depot Town. Doors open at 7 pm. Show time is 8-12
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